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To

His Excellency the Right Hon'ble

The Viscount Goschen of Howkhurst, G.C.I.E., C.B.E.,

Governor of Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned, are the members of an Association called the " Muslim Educational Association ", organised for the promotion of Education among the Moplahs of Mangalore.

The Moplah community is one of the largest communities within the Municpal area, its numerical strength being about 25,000. The Members of the Community have been generally traders, and in this, they have been completely outstripped and swamped by the more intelligent and acute Konkani Brahmins of this place, and the poverty to which the Community as a whole, except for an individual or two here and there, has been reduced is most appalling.

It must be recognised that our downfall was mostly due to lack of education and consequently knowledge to take stock of our own surroundings. The realisation of this sad fact has compelled us, Your Excellency's humble Deputationists, to bend our feeble efforts in the direction of education, however late we may be in the field.

There are at present two Schools viz., Madrasathul Badriah and Musirul Islam, under our Management, both situated in the Fort Ward of this Municipality. One is an old Institution of nearly 30 years standing with classes up to the V standard, the management of which was taken over recently by our Association. It has 86 Boys and Girls on its rolls, and is housed in a rented building. The Association has also started another School in the vicinity on a new site and a new building with classes up to the III standard. The present strength of this School is 120 Boys and Girls. In both, education is free, and what is more, inducement is provided by the supply of books and slates to the poorer children. Instruction in these Schools is given in

English, Canarese, Arabic, and Urdu, and also Stitching. The maintenance of the two Schools cost at Rs.2,400/- a year.

We feel that the progress of our Community is bound up with the progress of education among our people, and our present intention is to merge the two schools into one, by enlarging the newly acquired site and building and also to introduce higher Education up to the VIII standard. The question of increased accommodation for the enlargement of the present building with adequate room for a play ground as well can be solved only by the acquisition of at least two acres of ground about the School building. If this is done, our efforts would be amply rewarded, and increased accommodation will necessarily induce redoubled efforts on our part to justify the concession so kindly given.

We earnestly hope and pray that Your Excellency may be graciously pleased to direct the acquisition of two acres of land, adjoining the present school building and to the west of it.

We beg to thank Your Excellency for granting us this opportunity for representing our needs, and for giving us a patient and sympathetic hearing.

PRIVATE SECRETARY MADRAS

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Ootacamund,

20th September 1927.

Dear Mr. Sitaramayya,

His Excellency has consented to receive a deputation from the Muslim Educational Association at Mangalore during his tour in the South Kanara district in October and I am to send you the enclosed representation which the Association wishes to place before His Excellency. Would you kindly arrange to let me have a note on the subject not later than the 2nd October?

Yours sincerely,

M.R.Ry.P.Sitaramayya Garu,

Secretary to Government,

Law & Education Department,

Fort St.George, Madras.

Law (Education) Department.

The Muslim Educational Association of Mangalore requests that two acres of land may be acquired for the provision of additional accommodation and a playground for the two elementary schools maintained by the Association in the town of Mangalore. As regards the acquisition the Association should apply first to the Collector of South Kanara after selecting the lands required for the purpose. The application of the Act is sanctioned only when it is not possible to secure the land by private negotiation. It is not stated whether this is not possible in the present case. The question will be gone into when application is made to the Collector. The Association also appears desires to have financial aid from Government for the acquisition of land. It is not stated whether the Association is prepared to meet any portion of the cost. Grants for the acquisition of land for element school buildings are governed by the rules framed und section 42(2) of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920. Under these rules a grant not exceeding half the cost of the acquisition may be paid to the Associ tion. Application for grant should be made to the District Educational Council, South Kanara, through th District Educational Officer of the district. If the cost exceeds Rs.5,000, the sanction of Government be necessary for the payment of half grant.

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The deputation added that the Association had not sufficient funds to meet any portion of the cost. His Excellency suggested that they should in the first instance apply to the Collector of South Kanara with regard to acquisition and to the District

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Educational Officer with regard to a grant.

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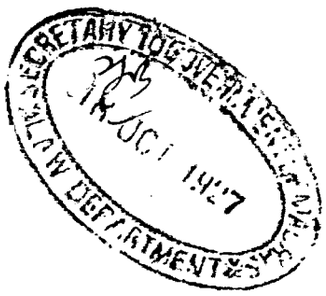

No further action is called for in this Dept. The notes may be Orde. 2326 D 25-10-27 recorded.

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